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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

As you have been advised in prior discussions, it is felt that the Bureau's best interest will be served if G. Robert Blakey, HSCA Chief Counsel and Staff Director, and several of his top aides are briefed on the extreme sensitivity of FBI Legat operations in certain countries.

Since we know that HSCA plans to call former Legats for interview and has already made approaches to State Department to facilitate face-to-face Committee contact with Mexican government agencies, it appears to be in our best interest to promptly arrange a briefing to acquaint HSCA with the sensitivity of this area of our operations.

To this end, contact has been maintained with Section Chief R. J. Gray, Jr., CI-3, Intelligence Division, who has recently returned from overseas. On March 8, 1978, Mr. Gray advised that he is prepared to provide the HSCA with an appropriate briefing as soon as it can be arranged. Accordingly, Special Agent Danny O. Coulson, Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, was advised and requested to arrange such a briefing, which [illegible] to do. If there is no objection, Special Agent [illegible] powers.